

WILSON IN A NOTE

President in Message to Congress on Living Costs.

May Not Take Up Questions Concerning Rail Wages.

INVESTIGATIONS ARE ON TODAY

District Attorneys Over Country Are Making Reports.

House May Not Be Able To Gather a Quorum.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Development today in the government's efforts to reduce high living costs included:

Announcement that the action against five big meat packing firms would be brought under the criminal and civil sections of the Sherman anti-trust law and under the section of the food control act making unlawful the hoarding of food.

Reports from district attorneys over the country that they were proceeding with investigations of profiteering and hoarding and would make arrests wherever facts warranted.

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Wilson will confer at the White House today with the committee of cabinet members and other high government officials who drew up the recommendation on which he is basing his message on the high cost of living to congress at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Altho the purpose of the conference was not announced, it was believed Wilson intended to read to these officials the message he will present to congress at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

District Attorneys Get Busy.

Washington, Aug. 7.—In response to Attorney General Palmer's orders for nationwide prosecution of food hoarders and profiteers, many district attorneys reported to the department of justice today they were proceeding immediately with investigation of conditions in their territory. Legal action will follow the discovery of any evidence of law violation.

Probe Begun in K. C.

Kansas City, Aug. 7.—Upon receipt of a telegram from Attorney General Palmer today directing him to proceed with an investigation and prosecution of food profiteers and hoarders, District Attorney Francis M. Wilson announced that an investigation had begun immediately.

House in Trouble.

Washington, Aug. 7.—President Wilson's appearance before congress may be delayed by the absence of a quorum in the house.

Calls have been sent to about 250 members by both Republican and Democratic leaders, but there is a possibility that a roll call tomorrow will show more than half the members vacationing.

No Wage Information.

Secretary Tumulty said today that he thought it unlikely that the president would take up at this time further questions concerning railroad wages and rates. The president was informed today by Speaker Gillett that the house would be glad to have a joint session for tomorrow at four o'clock to receive his recommendations. Republican Leader Mondell urged the president yesterday to postpone his appearance until next Tuesday.

NURSE HIKES FROM COAST TO COAST



Mrs. J. N. Franklin at finish of her tramp.

Mrs. J. N. Franklin, twenty-eight, a graduate nurse of Bellevue hospital, New York, walked from Seattle, Wash., her home, to New York. She started June 18. She carried an eighteen-pound pack, containing a tent and camping outfit. She slept beside the road until she arrived east of Chicago. She found it unsafe after that. The trip cost her \$28. She was not allowed a "lift" unless asked twice. She was a \$2,000 prize.

WHERE A STRIKE WOULD BE WELCOME



HE ORDERED SUIT

President Directed Action Be Taken Against Packers.

Made Decision After Studying Federal Trade's Reports.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The government's new anti-trust suits against the five great meat packing concerns being brought by direction of President Wilson as one of the first results of his study of the cost of living problems. It became known today that the president came to his decision after a careful study of the investigations of the federal trade commission and the hearings before congressional committees considering bills to control the packing industry. Conferences with members of the federal trade commission and Attorney General Palmer followed. The announcement by the attorney general that the suits would be brought was the immediate result.

No final decision has been reached as to whether the suits will be brought in the civil or criminal courts or in both. It seems likely the prosecution will proceed from both angles.

LOCAL MENTION

Three good jobs are waiting to be filled at the office of the war camp community service, according to a statement made by W. J. P. Jones, local secretary. Each one of the jobs pays a salary of more than \$100 per month and are open to ex-soldiers. One call is for a typist, one for a stenographer, and one for a motor mechanic.

Cash paid for liberty bonds. John Kleinhaus, 827 Quincy. Phone 2761. J. Adv.

Liberty Bonds bought and sold. Shawnee Investment Co., 534 Kan. av. Warren E. Jeffrey, Dentist, 705 Kan. Ave. Phone 702.—Adv.

Expert Piano Tuning by latest method. Work guaranteed. Call evenings, Blue 2481. M. G. Snyder.—Adv.

Safety razor blades sharpened better than new. 25c-35c doz. Brunt-Martin.—Adv.

New shipment of Columbia records, absolutely new, latest numbers, 3,900 to select from—45c. Blitz, 512 Kansas Ave.—Adv.

NEW MAP OF EUROPE

For the Topeka State Journal Readers.

It shows the tracks of the God of War leaping upon that continent which, for two thousand years, has directed the destiny of a world. It shows the manner in which Austria-Hungary has gone to pieces and ceased to exist as a geographic unit. It gives an authentic picture of that half dozen baby nations that have been born from the great conflict.

This map of the new Europe was made by the United States Geological Survey. It is being used by the savings division of the treasury department in its campaign of thrift. It is given away thru the Washington Information Bureau of this paper, together with a pamphlet on "How Other People Get Ahead."

It shows the literal trimming that has been given Germany. Any reader of this paper may get it by filling out the attached coupon, enclosing a 2-cent stamp for return postage, and mailing as indicated.

TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL INFORMATION BUREAU, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C.

Enclosed find a two-cent stamp, for which you will please send me, entirely free, the map of the New Europe.

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WOULDN'T PAY BILL

Clyde Smiley Taken to Jail Upon His Own Suggestion.

Clyde Smiley walked in the front door of Christ's hospital and out the back door two days ago, and today he was taken to jail pending the payment of a \$4 taxi bill. The Roy Payne company received a call to Sixth and Lake streets, and hauled Smiley to Twelfth and Lake, for which he paid the driver \$1. Half an hour later the taxi was called to Twelfth and Lake again, where Smiley was picked up and driven to Christ hospital. He entered the building with the statement that he would return in a minute. After waiting an hour and forty minutes, the driver investigated and found that Smiley had walked out the back door.

"How much is the bill," he asked the police today when they picked him up.

"Four dollars," was the reply. "Then you'd better take me to jail," he told them.

And they did.

Says the "K's" Hurts His Biz. Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 7.—Max Milensky wants to become Max Milensky. He says the "K's" injures his business because of prejudice against foreign names.

New Use for Airplanes. Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 7.—Colusa farmers will protect their rice crop against wild ducks with "searcrow squadrons" of airplanes over the fields.

"We feel crowded in this flat," said the tenant diffidently.

"No wonder!" exclaimed the janitor. "This flat was never intended for a family of six."

"But there are only myself and wife."

"I know better. Besides you two there are a canary bird and three goldfish."

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TWO ADMIT THEFTS

George Edwards and Clyde Herbold Confess to Sheriff.

As the result of a grilling examination today by Sheriff Hugh Larimer and Undersheriff Bob Miller, George Edwards, who lives on Chestnut street, and Clyde Herbold, 623 Chandler street, broke down and confessed that they entered the Long Oil company filling station at Fifth and Quincy streets and stole nine automobile casings and two inner tubes about two weeks ago.

Hearing that these men were offering casings for sale to Topekan, Larimer and Miller looked them up, locating them in a local pool hall. They admitted the guilt. Both men are married and each has a child but both refuse to work, the authorities say.

Investigate the Retailer. Scores of retailers in every section of the state are to be investigated by state and local organizations. County attorneys may be called upon by the attorney general's office to aid in the taking of testimony in the food and clothing cost probe. Where violations are shown, prosecutions will be launched. Where individual profit grabbing is shown, names of profit grabbers are shown, and the operation will be given to the newspapers. The consuming public will be the court and jury which will sit in these cases to direct the profit pig.

Every commodity which is on the necessity list will be investigated. Governor Allen asserted today. Farmers as well as manufacturers will be called. Farmers will be asked about dollar watermelons, gold nugget cucumbers and priceless eggs and poultry sold direct to the consumer. On the other hand the man who sells shoes, canned goods, corn beef and cured or uncured ham will be asked to justify his invoice and justify his profits. The commission merchant will be asked to justify \$4 peaches which cost a dollar in Texas, and allowing a healthy freight rate to Kansas points.

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The department of agriculture has compiled this information and offers it to you right now while the season is at its height. Which of its booklets do you want?

1. "Home Canning by the Cold Pack Method" is intended for the northern and western states. It tells also how to can without sugar, how to can soups, pie fillings, meats, fried chicken, and many other foods.

2. "Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables" tells how to can in the south but bears down harder on preserves, jellies, jams, fruit butters, marmalades.

3. "Farm and Home Drying of Fruits and Vegetables" tells how to keep peaches, apples, berries, potatoes, turnips, cauliflower, spinach, tomatoes by taking the water out of them. It is a revolutionary method. It gets results.

4. "Preservation of Vegetables by Fermentation and Salting" tells how to treat beets, string beans, corn, cucumbers, as sauer kraut is preserved.

5. "Home Storage of Vegetables" shows the way properly to build a cellar for them and how to put them away to keep.

Check the bulletin on this list which fits your needs, write your name and address plainly, and enclose a 2-cent stamp. The Topeka State Journal Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, stamp for return postage. Mail to Washington, D. C.

"MEX" BEVERLY WANTED

Officers Accuse Him of Shooting Negro Woman in Leg.

"Mex" Beverly, a negro, is still at large. He is accused of shooting Aileen Burris, a negro woman, in the leg Wednesday night. The police today had no clue as to his whereabouts.

The Burris girl says she was on her way home with friends when "Mex" appeared on the scene. His company wasn't desired. This angered him and he pulled a revolver shooting five times. Only one shot took effect. The woman was taken to St. Francis hospital. She lives at 1406 Van Buren street.

The police also are looking for a thief who entered the room of Thomas McArthur at the Brunswick hotel on East Fourth street. McArthur is minus a suit of clothes, a sport shirt, two pairs of shoes and a Stetson hat.

He Preferred Horse to Wife?

Oklahoma City, Aug. 7.—When Mel Chew was in jail, with a conviction of the lungs her husband neglected her to care for a sick horse, says her divorce petition.

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